

the eminent authority in legal jurisprudence, was scrupulously punctual, in his business affairs, and detested any one deficient in this particular. Lord Brougham, if we trace his history, affords a striking example of punctuality. Whether engaged in Parliamentary affairs, or in his connections with literary associations, his engagements were always promptly met. He placed the highest estimate upon his word, and regarded the voluntary forfeiture of that as a violation of honor irreparable. Barnum in his rules and observations for success in life, enjoins upon business men a strict adherence to their engagements, and remarks that when the character of a man for truthfulness is gone, when he can no longer be depended upon, his career is defined for a short duration.—*Exchange.*

#### Make Home Happy.

It is impossible for you, or man, happy for ten years, to live and enjoy a good measure of health and happiness without "amusement" without something that shall entirely relax the mind and body. To walk or ride alone is better than sit still, but it is far from being as efficient to treat or keep up a healthy one of intellect or feeling. It is not exercise alone that is needed. A woman that sees well to her household has sufficient exercise in the common acceptance of the term; but the harder she works the more necessary it is that she should have amusement. The men who toil incessantly, or mechanics, do not need anything to give play to their muscles, or set the blood in motion, but the more active their labors, the more do they need the relaxation which some exhilarating amusement would afford.

The great desideratum in training children is to make home pleasant.

This should be the parent's first study; and this cannot be done unless parents retain their juvenile tastes and feelings. It is their duty to never grow old! If they become morose and mor-

bid, and frown upon hilarity and mirth they banish children from their presence, inspire them with a morbid awe and drive back all their youthful impulses, to corrode, and very likely to corrupt their hearts. Oh! how many families do I know where parents, fond parents, too, are scarcely less a terror to their children than a "roaring lion." To go forth from home is the only talisman which unlocks to them a single hour's enjoyment. To return home is to return to a gloomy prison, where they endure a worse than solitary confinement.

Many a mother do I know who confines herself so exclusively to wearing toil that she has no time or inclination for recreation in any form; and indeed there are many who think it almost a sin to pass an hour in anything but productive labor; who think time is wasted that is not spent in coining money in some form; and there is no exception to the rule that parents who thus value time, reap the bitter fruits of their theory in seeing grow rank in the hearts of their children, distrust and fierce, dark passions, that destroy all their better natures, that make them gloomy or else reckless, and not only make them wretched during all the time they remain under the parental roof, but so fill their minds with sad associations, that the bitter is infused into every cup they drink through life. Diversion is not less necessary for the old than for the young. Indeed, I am not sure that they do not need it more. The heart should never be permitted to grow old. It should be always young in its sympathies. Parents should not only counterpoise by their presence the innocent pleasure of the young, but participate in them.—*The Elevator.*

A recent earthquake in Japan, destroyed a town of 8,000 or 10,000 inhabitants.

The Corn crop of the Southern States is almost a total failure.